

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**XAVIER HALL, CARBONDALE IL**  
**September 29, 2008**

1. Prayer/Reflection – At 7:08 pm, Father Bob begin with prayer and reflection on the Gospel reading from the Gospel of Matthew.
2. Call to Order/Roll Call: **Present:** Fr. Bob, Kathy, Doris Weaver, Ana Migone, Walt Tomczak, Scott Frisch, Mark Wilson, Toni Inravaia, Paul McGreal  
**Excused:** Chuck Grace  
**Absent:** Jane Boardman, Erik Gerhard, Steve Schauwecker, Sharon Wunderle, Allie Ishman, and Colleen Wood
3. Visitors – None
4. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2008. After a correction was noted, Walt T. moved, Mark W. seconded, and the minutes were approved on voice vote.
5. Old Business
  - a. Capital Campaign – Amount Pledged: \$556,958.00 out of \$610,000.00  
Pledges received: \$386,107.09; Expenses paid: \$405,062.54; note payable (roof loan) \$69,903.00; Parking Lot Proposal - \$33,464.00  
  
Due to delay, the price of the parking lot went up from the original proposal.
  - b. Parish Website – P. McGreal reported that the Parish web site was up to date.
  - c. New Parish Directory – Some remaining directories still need to be picked up. Only about 8 people have not picked up. The directory was nominated for an award for directories in North America and Canada, receiving an Honorary Mention Certificate of Merit in the Lifetouch Spring/Summer 2008 “Best of the Best Directory Contest.”
  - d. Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal: Parish target, \$26,851 with 152 households participating. Pledged so far \$26,851.20 with 144 households participating as of a week ago.
  - e. New Council Members – No new developments or announcements.
  - f. Eucharistic Adoration – The next adoration is scheduled for Thursday-Friday, December 4 & 5, which will put it near our feast day on December 3.
  - g. The next Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic is scheduled for August 30, 2009.

- h. Welcome Dinner, held September 5, 2008 – One of the largest that Saint Francis Xavier Church has done. The dinner was well received by those in attendance. Thanks were expressed to Pastoral Council for their help with set up and clean up.

6. Committees and Reports

- a. Heritage Club: Next meeting will be October 16. Father Bob will show a DVD about Pope John Paul II.
- b. Women's Club: T. Intraiva's report is included as Attachment A to these minutes. The next meeting will be held on October 29. The annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 20. Proceeds from both the fish fry and the raffle were up this year: \$2,400 for the fish fry, and \$1,700 for the raffle.
- c. Knights of Columbus: The next meeting will be on October 1. M. Wilson and S. Frisch reported. The Tootsie Roll Drive will be this coming weekend, and they are still trying to fill the dates.
- d. Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations: Last Sunday, the youth and the elderly were covered at Mass. Respectful citizenship will be covered on October 12.
- e. Community Life: Health Committee: D. Weaver and K. Cafferata have a contact in Southern Illinois Healthcare. Upcoming focuses will be breast cancer awareness for October, and to publicize the dates and locations for flu shots.
- f. Finance Council: Weekly bulletin shows the ongoing financial picture, with diocesan tax as a major expense overhanging the budget. The Committee will next meet within the next two weeks.
- g. Faith Formation: T. Intraiva's report is included as Attachment B to these minutes.
- h. Building & Grounds: The parking lot is done. The remaining projects include folding doors and flooring in basement of Xavier Hall, upstairs hallway, and handicap accessibility for second floor of Xavier Hall.
- i. Youth Representatives: The youth representatives were not present. K. Cafferata reported on the Catholic Youth conference held at St. Joseph's in Marion. Positive feedback was received from the students. Toni Intraiva sat in with Freshman, and Kathy sat in with Sophomores. Our youth represented us well, asking excellent questions that showed a deep understanding of our faith.

Catholic Youth Celebration at the Shrine: Twelve students attended. The youth were excited and had a good time.

- j. Saint Andrew School: M. Wilson reported. The pre-school class is full. Mark plans on attending school board training.
  - k. Social Justice: No specific program. Faithful citizenship web site will be circulated – [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).
  - l. Stewardship Committee: Ninety-five responses were received. Father Bob expressed his appreciation to all of the parishioners who witnessed on their time and talent.
  - m. Cluster Council: The next meeting will be held at Saint Francis Xavier on October 23, at 5:30 pm.
  - n. Small Christian Communities: K. Cafferata reported on Quest (two groups, about twenty people) and Why Catholic? (one group, eight people) and a forming group of young couples.
  - o. Liturgy Committee: The next meeting is coming up. Preparations are being made for the All Souls Day Mass. Liturgical ministers training will be held on Thursday, October 16, at 7 pm.
  - p. Hispanic Community – Prayer meeting every Sunday after mass – about twelve people attend. Includes charismatic singing and bible teaching. Preparing for retreat on November 16 in Cobden. Father Bob is communicating with Father Federico about making regular, periodic financial contributions to Saint Francis Xavier.
  - q. Carbondale Interfaith Council – Meeting last week was held at University Baptist. At the meetings, each faith shares about the meaning of their worship and faith. Pot luck is coming up at
7. New Business
- a. Council secretary: Father Bob continued to solicit a new secretary, but no Council members volunteered.
  - b. Parish Pilgrimage Update: Twenty-nine people are currently signed up. Plans are to leave on November 4. Eleven are from Saint Francis Xavier Church. This surpasses our parish goal of twenty-five people.
  - c. Diocesan lawsuit – A petition for appeal has been filed.
  - d. All Saints & All Souls Days – Friday at 5:30 pm and Saturday at 9:00 am for All Saints, and this year All Souls will be on Sunday, with Saturday vigil. All Souls Day will be Donut Sunday.

- e. Parking Lots – Done. Father Bob gave his thanks all those whose donations made the work possible.
  - f. Faithful Citizenship – Father Bob will preach this on October 12. Kathy read from a Papal Letter on understanding between the Catholic and Jewish faiths.
  - g. Ministry Training will be held on Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.
  - h. Father Victor’s last day – Saint Francis Xavier will celebrate Father Victor’s work for our community on December 5, after the next adoration. He will be leaving our community the first week in January for his native Sri Lanka.
8. Pastoral Associate’s Report – Kathy Cafferata
- K. Cafferata and T. Intravaia have begun working on adult education on the life of Saint Paul. Teens in Spirit will meet this week to work on ten new topics for this year. Pastoral Council covered the Donut Sunday for September. Hospitality for RCIA (see last month). Word-Communion ministers have done a wonderful job this year.
9. Pastor’s Report – Father Bob
- Air conditioning in Church was off and on this last week, so Father Bob asked whether it was comfortable at Mass.
- Father Bob has been asked to give a talk at the Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue in Des Moines, IA.
10. Future Agenda Items
- Float for the Lights Fantastic Parade. The tarp sustained damage due to the remnants of Ike, but the float itself seems to be intact.
11. Next Meeting – Monday, October 27, 2008
12. Individual Responsibilities
13. Prayer and adjournment – Kathy offered the closing prayer based on Saint Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13.

*Respectfully submitted by Paul McGreal*